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## GETS PRISON SENTENCE

James Pryor, Colored, Given Three Years in Penitentiary for Felonious Assault.

Following a verdict of guilty, James Pryor, colored, was sentenced to serve three years in the State Penitentiary, by Judge Ernest H. Wells, yesterday afternoon in Hustings Court, Part II. The man was convicted after an all-day trial, on an indictment in which he is charged with feloniously wounding Charles White, Commonwealth's Attorney Charles L. Page conducted the prosecution. Pryor was defended by H. M. Smith, Jr.

The evidence was overwhelmingly against the accused man. It was shown that following a quarrel over a pool game, the defendant went to his home, procured a revolver and, returning to the poolroom, opened fire on White. Four shots were fired, each taking effect. Two penetrated the right arm, one grazed the chest and one slightly cut the right side. None of the wounds were of a serious nature.

Character witnesses on both sides were introduced. Of the pair, the accused bore the best reputation. White, it was shown, had been in court at the term, charged with a similar offense, but had escaped with a fine of \$20 for carrying concealed weapons. While this fact was held up for the consideration of the jury, it could not counterbalance the premeditated act of Pryor's, notwithstanding his previous good character.

No appeal was noted by counsel for the defense. Papers were immediately made out and the man taken to the penitentiary to begin his term. By good behavior he will be eligible for a parole in eighteen months.

## INVENTS AXE

Chesterfield Sawmill Man Ready to Market Product Which May Revolutionize Industry.

An invention which the patentee claims will revolutionize the axe industry will be placed on the market shortly. The new device, which originated with James E. Hedges, a sawmill owner of Whitepine, Chesterfield County, is a sectional axe composed of three parts: two spindles and the main body. The importance lies in speed in replacing a broken spindle. It is claimed by the inventor that a new part can be inserted in less than a half hour, whereas the old pattern axe generally requires one to two days to repair.

Mr. Hedges has already secured a patent from the United States Patent Office, and has obtained protection in

several foreign countries. Although in three pieces, the axe is held together as firmly as a solid piece by ordinary clips used on automobiles and wagons. The cost of the new article will not be more than that now paid for the ordinary axes which have to be welded and consequently weakened when a spindle wears out or snaps.

**Swansboro Robberies Continue.**  
In spite of additional special officers, who have been appointed by Magistrate L. W. Cheatham, the footpads who have taken possession of the streets of Swansboro, continue to ply their trade unmolested. It is a nightly occurrence to hear the report of firearms, and women and children, and in some cases men, are afraid to venture out of the house after nightfall. Officer George Jarrell, injured last week in a street car collision, is still unfit for duty, and the new officers are without a guiding hand.

Mr. Jarrell was out yesterday for the first time since the accident. He is unable to walk, but expects to be on his feet in a few days. Meanwhile the robberies continue to grow in number and boldness. Three of the new officers have suffered monetary loss at the hands of the hold-up folks.

**To Hear Suit.**  
The suit of T. Lynch Hubbard against E. A. Catlin, in assumpsit, will be heard to-morrow morning, before Judge Ernest H. Wells, in Hustings Court, Part II. The case has been on an address for several terms, and an effort will be made to have it disposed of.**To Give Entertainment.**  
The Rosebud and Woman's Missionary Societies of West End Methodist Church, Swansboro, are planning an elaborate entertainment to be given Tuesday night in Milby's Hall, Swansboro. An excellent program is being arranged. Among those who will assist are Miss Georgia Ames, reading; Robert Beades, of Highland Park, instrumental selection; and Haddon S. Watkins, vocal selection. Rev. George H. McFadden, of Richmond, will make an address. Refreshments will be served.

Mrs. Inez Ferris gave a delightful Valentine tea Tuesday evening, at her residence on East Tenth Street. A neat dinner was realized. The proceeds were donated to the building fund of Stockton Street Baptist Church.

**Don't Get Clobbered.**  
Superintendent L. B. Lloyd, of Manchester Station, was yesterday notified by the Post-Office Department that his

request for a vacuum cleaner for the office could not be honored at the present time, owing to shortage in the appropriation for this class of work. The order has been filed and will be given consideration at the proper time. Marcellus Butts, rural carrier of Route 8, has reported for duty after a two week's illness. While still weak, Mr. Butts is able to perform his duties, and is again assigned to his route, which was filled temporarily by George D. Willis.

## In Police Circles.

At the request of counsel for the defendant companies, the hearing of charges against the Virginia Railway and Power Company and the American Railway Company, for alleged ordinance violations arising out of a collision last week between a car and an automobile, were continued until Tuesday morning by Justice I. A. Maurice.

William Mayes was arrested yesterday morning on a warrant charging him with non-support. Willie Joneskille was taken into custody last night on a charge of intoxication. He was held for trial before Justice Maurice this morning.

## Announce Engagement.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Clark, of Whitepine, Chesterfield County, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Flossie Ann Clark, to John Benjamin Sims, Jr., of that place. The event will take place February 26 at the home of the bride's parents.

## Mrs. Signora Martin.

Mrs. Signora Martin, wife of W. P. Martin, died yesterday morning at 12:45 o'clock, at her home, 121 East Twelfth Street. Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from Deatur Street Methodist Church. Burial will be in Maury Cemetery.

Mrs. Martin was thirty-nine years old. Besides her husband she leaves four children.  
**To Visit Petersburg Lodge.**  
Indiana Tribe, No. 52, Improved Order of Men, will make a trip to Petersburg next Tuesday night. While in the Cooke City the Southsiders will be the guests of Powhatan Tribe, and their degree team will confer the adoption degree upon twenty-five candidates. The meeting will be held in Liberty Hall.

## TART WILL ATTEND.

Going to Alexandria Meeting of Masonic Association.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Alexandria, Va., February 19.—President Taft will arrive here about 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon for the purpose of attending a meeting of the third annual session of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Association, which will convene here that morning and end at noon Saturday.Twenty-five grand jurisdictions will be represented by delegates at this meeting. The members of the association will Saturday afternoon place a memorial wreath on Washington's tomb in accordance with an annual custom of the organization.  
The George Washington Birthday Association, at its annual meeting held to-night, also decided to place a wreath on Washington's tomb February 22, in accordance with an annual custom of that organization.

## BOY IS KILLED.

Playing in Road When Run Down by Delivery Truck.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Alexandria, Va., February 19.—Struck by a large delivery automobile belonging to the Holmes Pie Company, of Washington, Earl Travis, four years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Travis, of Del Ray, Alexandria County, was instantly killed this morning. The lad, with two others, was playing in the road at Del Ray when he was run down.Dr. R. J. Yates, in front of whose house the accident occurred, was summoned, but upon his arrival he found life extinct, the skull being badly crushed.  
The driver of the machine, Frank Thington, colored, of Washington, was taken in custody, and is being held at the county jail.

## STUDENT IS KILLED.

Thomas S. White Falls Under Wheels of Chesapeake and Ohio Train.  
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Lexington, Va., February 19.—Thomas S. White, a student at Washington and Lee University, fell from a Chesapeake and Ohio train to-night and was instantly killed. The train passing over his body and cutting it in two. He lived with his grandfather, Thomas S. White, near Lexington. He was about twenty years of age.PLANNING TO BUY  
CENTRAL PACIFIC

Lovett Confident Union Pacific Scheme Will Be Approved by Courts.

San Francisco, February 19.—"I believe it would be best for the public to open these through tracks to all lines and give all lines equal use of terminal facilities," declared Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the Union Pacific Railroad, to the State Railroad Commission to-day relative to the Sacramento and San Francisco lines for the joint use of which, for a term of ninety-nine years, the Union Pacific, Central Pacific, and Southern Pacific Companies had made application. The granting of the application was opposed by attorneys for the Western Pacific.

Mr. Lovett's statement was in reply to a question as to whether the public would be more benefited by granting the application or throwing these terminal lines open to all railroads. "But I believe," added Judge Lovett, "that such an order would amount to confiscation of property."

The application is in connection with the dissolution plans of the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific under the recent order of the Supreme Court of the United States. Mr. Lovett said the Union Pacific planned to buy the Central Pacific system for \$104,000,000, assuming its bonded indebtedness of \$200,000,000, because it was thought the short haul lines would prove more profitable.

So confident did the Harriman executives feel that their plans would be approved, Mr. Lovett told the commission, that they had staked \$1,500,000 on the issue.

A syndicate of bankers had been formed to underwrite the purchase before March 15 of the Central Pacific by the Union Pacific for \$104,000,000, the Union Pacific to forfeit to the syndicate 1 per cent of the amount involved plus one-quarter of 1 per cent, for expenses, should the agreement fail of ratification either here or in the United States District Court.

## WASHINGTON MEMORIAL.

Services Will Be Conducted By Literary Society at University.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Charlottesville, Va., February 19.—The exercises at the University of Virginia in commemoration of Washington's Birthday next Saturday will be conducted by the Washington Literary Society. The occasion will be marked by the return of many alumni, who were, in their student days, members of the society. The present members and the alumni members will be hosts Saturday night at an elaborate reception in "Wash" Hall.

The principal address will be delivered in Madison Hall at 8 o'clock Saturday evening by A. Leo Well, of Pittsburgh. Mr. Well is an alumnus of the university and was while resident here an enthusiastic member of the Washington Literary Society. He has met with great success in the practice of law in Pittsburgh, and he has taken a leading and, as subsequent events have shown, a highly distinguished part in reform movements in that city.

The Colonnade Club has postponed its social meeting, scheduled for Saturday evening, in deference to the Washington's Birthday exercises. The club will hold the meeting March 1. Dr. Charles W. Kent will be the principal speaker. His subject will be "An Old-Fashioned Club."

## VIRGINIA TO ATTEND.

Alderman and Gordon Members of National Institute of Social Sciences.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Charlottesville, Va., February 19.—The meeting in New York next Saturday evening of the National Institute of Social Sciences will be of special interest to Virginians because the honor of its membership has been extended to two distinguished citizens of the Old Dominion—President Edwin A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia, and Hon. Armistead C. Gordon, of Staunton, lawyer, author and rector of the University of Virginia. Mr. Gordon was elected to membership in this distinguished body a few weeks ago.

At the meeting next Saturday, which will be held at Sherry's, Joseph H. Choate, former ambassador to the Court of St. James, will present the institute's gold medal to President Taft in recognition of the President's services in the interest of international peace. Ambassador James Bryce, who recently lectured at the University of Virginia; Senator Elihu Root; Miss Mary Johnston; Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, Chicago, and other men and women of national and international renown will attend.

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DISCUSS FEDERAL  
PATRONAGE TO-DAY

Believed Only One Candidate From Ninth District Will Be Indorsed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Bristol, Va., February 19.—Many prominent Democrats, representing the counties of the Ninth Virginia District, arrived here this afternoon and to-night to be present to-morrow when the Democratic district committee meets to outline its policy with reference to Federal patronage for the district under the Wilson administration. Several candidates are here, each being surrounded by a party of friends and supporters. While there are candidates for all the positions, it is believed that the committee will recommend that only one of the three important positions be sought by this district. It is expected that the committee will seek to have the collectorship bestowed upon a man in this district, and will concede the marshaling and the district attorneyship to other congressional districts in the western district of Virginia, since a part of, if not all, the following congressional districts lie within the western district: Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth.

The Ninth District committee, which is expected to hear the claims of the various candidates to-morrow, as well as to outline its policy, consists of the following: Dr. J. D. Buchanan, of Smyth County, chairman; John H. Goss, of Bristol; Charles W. Bondurant, of Lee County; Bert F. Wilson, of Russell County; Colonel J. E. Boyer, of Tazewell County; J. F. Wysox, of Putnam, is secretary to the committee.

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## Odds and Ends From the Wire

## SHOW MRS. WILSON'S WORK.

Landscapes, Painted by Wife of President-Elect, on View Here.  
Philadelphia, Pa., February 19.—Personal interest rather than artistic talent makes the claim for distinction in the exhibition of paintings opened with a private view at the Arts and Crafts Guild. The paintings, consisting of about fifty landscapes done by the hand of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. They are all pretty and delicate bits of work, somewhat reminiscent as far as lack of power goes, of the day of "accomplishments" learned at the finishing school.  
As far as technique is concerned, Mrs. Wilson shows a sufficient knowledge, so that it is pleasing enough to any art lover to look over the collection of her work, and to be further interested, as Mrs. Wilson has never exhibited previous to this year, when two of her pictures were hung at the academy show. An equal number of landscape and architectural sketches by John R. Wright, of London, are also displayed. Tea will be served from 4 to 6, and the daughters of Mrs. Wilson—Miss Jessie, who is engaged in social settlement work at the light house, and Miss Eleanor, who is an art student at the academy—are expected to be present.

## ACCUSES FUGITIVE HE AIDED.

Man Who Financed Escape Now Makes Second Charge of Theft.  
Atlantic City, February 19.—After financing the escape of Clifford Watson, when accused of stealing a bicycle, Charles Becker, an Atlantic Avenue tailor, his employer at the time, today had the fugitive arrested when he returned from Youngstown, O.  
Becker says that after he had advanced the young man sufficient money to get away from a warrant he came back and stole clothing valued at \$100 from his benefactor's shop.

## CAT A FACTOR IN WILL.

Millionaire's Secretary Says It Had Place at New York, February 19.—Honeybee, a pet cat belonging to Thomas T. Eckert, Jr., occupied a place at the family table, used its own chair and ate from its own dishes, according to Richard Gregory Page, Jr., who testified to-day in the suit of James Glendon Eckert to break the will of his father, General Thomas T. Eckert, at one time head of the Western Union Telegraph Company, Page, for thirty years secretary to General Eckert, described relations between members of the Eckert family to prove undue influence entered into the making of the last will.  
The Eckert estate is now valued at \$150,000, of which James Glendon Eckert is left only \$100,000, the remainder going to his brother.

## LEISURELY SAVES SUICIDE.

Absent-Minded Man Saves Beam Instead of Cutting Rope.

South Norwalk, Conn., February 19.—Absent-mindedness, which has done some very rash things in its universal career, was the agency that nearly turned a would-be suicide into just a suicide here.  
Harry Such, after the usual fight with wife, decided to go to the place where wives and marriages are reputed not to be, which ought to be a fine place. He tied a few yards of cloth around his neck and jumped off a chair. John Kosen, who rooms on the floor above, felt the jar, and hustled downstairs. He is one of those absent-minded men who put their clothes in bed and go to sleep in the wardrobe. Therefore, instead of cutting the rope with a knife, he searched leisurely around for a saw and then sawed down the beam. It is hard to say what such thought of the delay, but he must have been mad, for he was blue in the face when Kosen finally released the rope. When resuscitated he was asked if he still wanted to die. He turned a savage eye toward Kosen and muttered: "Not yet; not until I get even with that absent-minded duck."

## CAN'T TAKE A BARE, MAY DIE.

Hotel Guest, Battered by Two Friends, Slides Down Fire-Escape.

South Bethlehem, Pa., February 19.—William Laughlin, of this place, was probably

fatally injured while skylarking with two friends, Joseph Cammel and Ray Bottowinsky, Cammel and Bottowinsky, about to leave town, decided to pay a last visit to their friend in the third story of the Lehigh Valley Hotel.  
While in Laughlin's room they dared him to slide down the rope life-saving apparatus, and Laughlin attempted a decent and fell, with a probably fatal result.

## DUAL PERIL IN SAFETY LEAP.

Man Escaping Runaway Horse Pursued, Even to Ice Pond.

York, Pa., February 19.—To escape a runaway horse, Wesley Richbreck, of Dover, leaped headlong from a high embankment to an ice-covered pond. He alighted upon his head and the horse crashed to the ice almost upon him.

Richbreck was unconscious for a long time, and is badly hurt. The horse broke through the ice, but was fished out with block and tackle.

## "BIG TIME" RECOVERING.

Ellison Encouraged Since He Orders "Beef and Beans and Sinkers."

New York, February 19.—Timothy D. Sullivan, "Big Time," who was recently committed to a hospital because of his mental condition, is much improved, according to a statement given out by William H. Ellison, who has charge of his estate. Mr. Ellison said Sullivan was taking frequent automobile trips. On one of these trips on Monday, said he, "Big Time" stopped at a restaurant in the city and ordered "beef and beans and sinkers."

"We are now assured of his probable recovery," went on Mr. Ellison. "When he was out with me on Sunday he spoke of the old Purry days and pointed out several places where real estate improvements that have been made between Yonkers and New York City, with the development of which he has been and is still very familiar."

During all the time I was with him his mind was entirely clear, and he had complete control of his mental faculties. I am led to believe that all he requires now is complete rest and freedom from business affairs, if his recovery is retarded I believe it will be through the interference of meddlersome friends."

## SWARS AGAINST MOTHER.

Girl Then Faints and Falls in Older Woman's Arms.

Newark, February 19.—After she had testified to a growing friendship, extending over fourteen years, between her mother and Edward W. Ketcham, of East Orange, in the \$200,000 national suit brought by her father, Eugene E. Crane, of this city, Helen M. Crane, twenty-one years old, lottored from her stand and fainted in her mother's arms.

Without a single display of emotion the girl told of Ketcham's frequent visits to the "Crane home" in the absence of her father, and of many trips taken by Mrs. Crane, in which she is alleged to have met the East Orange man. The Cranes were finally divorced in 1905.

When the girl testified Mrs. Crane jumped forward and caught her, unmindful of the girl's damaging testimony. Mother and daughter, arm in arm, staggered to the door. The girl fainted in the corridor.  
Mrs. Crane became hysterical, and rushing into the court, called for water and for aid. The girl soon was revived.

## S. I. HIRSHBURG APPOINTED.

Succeeds His Brother as State Secretary of Eagles.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Roanoke, Va., February 19.—C. E. Johnson, of this city, State president of the fraternal Order of Eagles, announced to-day that he had appointed S. I. Hirshburg, of Richmond, secretary of the State Aerie, to succeed his brother, H. E. Hirshburg, who died last week.  
Mr. Johnson said that the appointment was made following a meeting with the State trustees in Richmond Monday, at which the advice with him concerning the appointment.

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